In addition to the Memory Clinic, the Aging Center offers comprehensive cognitive assessments, also known as neuropsychological evaluations. During a neuropsychological evaluation, people experiencing cognitive problems can find out:

- One’s ability to complete important legal activities, manage finances, continue or return to employment, and/or perform other instrumental activities of daily living.

- Recommended services from other professionals and agencies to help develop care plans.

- If a recent stroke, head injury, or other medical problem is affecting one’s cognitive abilities.

- If a memory problem is present, what might be causing it, such as symptoms of depression or anxiety, a medical problem, or Alzheimer’s disease.

- What long-term planning should be completed when memory problems are significant.

The evaluation involves a 45-60 minute interview, extensive memory and cognitive testing, an interview with someone who knows the client well, and a review of available case records. This comprehensive evaluation can assess whether a cognitive problem is present, the extent of the problem, and what is likely to be causing it. Recommendations are made regarding long-term planning and/or appropriate additional services. This evaluation can also serve as a baseline to be used for comparisons for follow-up screens or other evaluations. The client receives a detailed report for his/her records, which can be given to the court and/or other professionals (such as attorneys and physicians). Clients can either pay for student-provided services on a sliding scale, ranging from $250-$700, depending on household income/assets, or see a licensed psychologist, who can accept some insurances on a limited basis. All student services are supervised by licensed clinical psychologists.

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